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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNATTENDED SERVICE

REF: STATE 151317

1. RSO EXAMINATION OF AREA REFLECTS THAT DUE TO LOCATION OF LOAD BEARING WALLS POSITION OF CURRENT MOSLER FIRE DOOR IS ONLY LOCATION IN WHICH FRONT ENTRANCE VAULT DOOR CAN BE SITUATED. AREA BEHIND VAULT DOOR INCLUDES CEO OFFICE, TSO OFFICE, MAIN ACR AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. AS ACCESS TO MAIN ACR MUST BE MAINTAINED AREA WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO MARINES AND OTHER NON-CRYPTO CLEARED PERSONNEL. AN EXISTING DOOR IN HALLWAY LEADING TO COMMUNICATIONS CENTER PREVENTS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ACCESS TO UNESCORTED PERSONNEL WITHOUT CRYPTO CLEARANCES.

2. FOUR BALCONIES LEADING TO ROOMS IN COMMUNICATIONS AREA ARE EITHER BRICKED OR GRILLED AND POSE NO SPECIAL THREAT THOUGH NONE MEET COMCENTER SECURITY STANDARDS. SEVEN WINDOWS LOCATED IN AREA ARE COVERED WITH PLYWOOD AND MICROWAVE ABSORBANT MATERIAL AND DO NOT MEET COMCENTER STANDARDS. DUE TO NINTH FLOOR LOCATION THEY ALSO POSE NO PARTICULAR THREAT FROM SECURITY STANDPOINT. BRICKING AND REBARRING OF SIX WINDOWS MAY PRESENT SPECIAL PROBLEMS AS WINDOWS ARE LOCATED BEHIND SHIELD ENCLOSURE AND ACR WITH ONLY 18 INCHES OF WORKING SPACE BETWEEN ENCLOSURES AND WALLS. SEVENTH WINDOW IS LOCATED IN TSO OFFICE AND COULD NOT BE BRICKED AND REBARRED AS BLOCKING OF WINDOW WOULD INTERFERE WITH TECHNICAL MISSION.

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3. MOSLER FIRE DOOR (MISREPRESENTED AS DIEBOLD IN MOSCOW 8526)

LOCATED AT ENTRANCE TO AREA SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH MOSLER CLASS FIVE VAULT DOOR. VAULT DOOR AT REAR OF COMCENTER LEADING TO STAIRWELL ABOVE SEABEE SHOP AND ELEVATOR (THERE IS NO TRAPDOOR) IS BARNEY VAULT DOOR OF WEST GERMAN MANUFACTURE. DOOR IS EQUIPPED ONLY WITH INTERIOR BOLT RELEASE MECHANISM AND HAS NO EXTERIOR HANDLE OR COMBINATION DIAL. DOOR IS NOT APPROVED BUT SOUNDLY CONSTRUCTED OF 5/16 INCH STEEL PLATE AND OF OBVIOUSLY HEAVIER CONSTRUCTION THAN MOSLER FIRE DOOR.

4. AS INDICATED MOSCOW 8526, CONSIDERING NINTH FLOOR LOCATION OF COMCENTER AND PRESENCE OF 24 HOUR MARINE GUARD POST 30 FEET FROM RESTRICTED AREA, EMBASSY'S RSO INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO DEPARTMENTAL WAIVER OF SECURITY STANDARDS FOR ALL DOOR/ WINDOW OPENINGS (AFTER ALARM SYSTEM OPERATIONAL), REAR VAULT DOOR, AND FRONT VAULT DOOR PENDING REPLACEMENT WITH MOSLER CLASS FIVE DOOR.

5. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES THIS LAYOUT, THEN EMBASSY REQUESTS AFTER HOURS ALERTING SYSTEM (AHAS) UNIT BE SENT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE NO SMOKE OR FIRE ALARMS ARE INSTALLED IN COMCENTER OR COMCENTER ENCLOSURE.

6. EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO TRY UNATTENDED SERVICE ON SUNDAYS, INSTEAD OF CLOSURE, AS PORPOSED IN REFTTEL.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.
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